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In re Patent Application of:	
Dawson *et al.*	Art Unit: 1623
Appl. No. 09/346,923	Examiner: E. Peselev
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For: **Topical Treatment or Prevention of Ocular Infections**	



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 1999, (Paper No. 5), Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

Remarks

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application, with 1, 27, 30 and 40 being the independent claims. In the Office Action, claims 1-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), or, in the alternative, 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. These matters are addressed in order below.

Based on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.